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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC, 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 13-184; GN Docket No. 14-28


Dear Ms. Dortch,

On November 14, 2014 officials from New York City, Brittny Saunders, Rebecca Kagan Sternhell, and Edward Carlson, along with George Kivork of the City of Los Angeles, Christine Koronides of the City of Chicago, Miguel Gamiño of San Francisco, L. Jerome Mullen of Baltimore, and Eve O'Toole of Holland & Knight (collectively, "the Cities") met with Gigi Sohn, John Wilkins, Jonathan Chambers, and Patrick Halley of Chairman Wheeler's office, and with Rebekah Goodhart of Commissioner Clyburn's office to discuss the E-rate program and net neutrality.

The Cities described the importance of net neutrality to them and their residents and advocated that the FCC should use its authority to promulgate the strongest possible net neutrality protections, including transparency rules, rules prohibiting blocking of content; and measures outlawing paid prioritization and other discriminatory practices.

The Cities also discussed the importance of E-rate program funding for technology and internet access at schools and libraries. The Cities advocated for FCC to raise the E-rate funding cap in order to provide more funds to meet connectivity demands across the country. Additionally, the Cities urged the FCC to consider increasing the E-rate internal connection budget for urban libraries; allowing flexibility for capital investments; and supporting the efforts of schools and libraries to build and operate their own networks and other community connections.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and flourishes, positioned above the printed name.

Rebecca Kagan Sternhell

cc: Gigi Sohn